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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FISHING RIGHTS-VENEZUELA

REF: 76 STATE 175860

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED 5 APRIL FROM MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK, OFFICE OF FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, SIGNED BY THAT OFFICE'S DIRECTOR, ESTEBAN LUGO VILLA, IN WHICH THE GOV REQUESTS THAT IT BE GRANTED RIGHTS TO FISH OFF THE NORTH-EAST COAST OF THE U.S.

2. LETTER STATES THAT VENEZUELA IS DEVELOPING ITS FISHING FLEET IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT INTERNATIONAL WATERS, AND "REQUIRES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANNUAL QUOTA OF 12 THOUSAND TONS OF SQUID AND OCTOPUS, TO BE FISHED FOR IN THE SEAS OFF BOSTON."

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3. THE LETTER NAMES THREE VESSELS WHICH WOULD BE ALLOTTED APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF OF THIS QUOTA, LEAVING ONE-HALF THE QUOTA FOR VARIOUS OTHER VENEZUELAN VESSELS.

4. THE LETTER GOES ON TO NAME 18 U.S. FLAG VESSELS, WHICH ACCORDING TO THE LETTER, HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SELL THEIR CATHCES IN VENEZUELA, AND TO ACQUIRE FUEL AT NATIONAL (VENEZUELAN)

PRICES.

5. IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH VENEZUELAN FISHERIES AUTHORITIES, EMBOFFS HAVE MADE REFERENCE TO THE CONTENTS OF REFTEL WHICH WOULD SEEM TO DISQUALIFY VENEZUELA FROM BEING GRANTED A FISHING PERMIT PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF A GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENT OR TREATY. EMBOFFS HAVE ALSO EXPLAINED TO VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES THE FACTORS WHICH WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE NATURE OF PREREQUISITIES FOR GRANTING ALLOCATIONS TO EXPLOIT FISHERIES UNDER U.S. MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

6. HISTORY OF GOV INTEREST IN THIS MATTER DATES FROM OCTOBER 1976 WHEN GOV AGENCY REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY ADVISE APPROPRIATE USG AUTHORITIES THAT TWO VENEZUELAN VESSELS WOULD BEGIN TO FISH OUTSIDE 12 MILE LIMIT OFF BOSTON COAST. (SEE 76 CARACAS 12216)

7. SINCE THIS INITIAL GOV CONTACT, AND BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER ENACTMENT OF U.S. LAW ESTABLISHING 200 MILE EXCLUSIVE FISHERIES CONSERVATION ZONE, EMBASSY HAS CONSISTENTLY DISCOURAGED VENEZUELAN HPES OF OBTAINING FISHING RIGHTS WITHIN THIS ZONE.

8. AFTER HAVING TRANSMITTED MESSAGE REGARDING DECLARATION OF 200 MILE ZONE TO GOV FOREIGN COMMERCE INSTITUTE, AND GOV-FUNDED AGENCY WHICH INITIATED REQUEST THAT USG AUTHORITIES BE ADVISED OF ACTIVITIES OF VENEZUELAN VESSELS, EMBOFFS WERE CALLED TO FONMIN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER.

9. EMBASSY NOW PERCEIVES THAT GOV FISHERIES OFFICE WHICH TRANSMITTED MOST RECENT LETTER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DETERMINE WHAT UNCLASSIFIED

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CARDS GOV HAS TO PLAY (MENTION OF 18 U.S. VESSELS AUTHORIZED TO SELL THEIR CATCHES HERE, BY OUR INFERENCE, THE PRODUCT OF VENEZUELAN TERRITORIAL WATERS) AND TO CONTINUE TO PRESS THE ISSUE.

10. ALTHOUGH ALL INTERESTED GOV PARTIES ARE AWARE OF THE RATIONALE FOR OUR NEGATIVE RESPONSES TO THEIR ENTREATIES IN THIS MATTER, THE GOV HAS NEVERTHELESS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND PRESS THE ISSUE. THUS WE HAVE WHAT IS IN EFFECT A FORMAL GOV REQUEST FOR FISHING RIGHTS IN US WATERS, AND MUST THEREFORE REACT IN THOSE TERMS.

11. IN VIEW OF THIS, WE ASK THAT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THIS OFFICIAL REQUEST, INCLUDING RELATED CIRCUMSTANCE AND BILATERAL FACTORS, SUCH AS RECIPROCITY (SEE PARA 9 ABOVE), THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP WITH VENEZUELA, THE UPCOMING PEREZ STATE VISIT-IN SHORT THE TOTAL PICTURE THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY OUR DECISION.

12. WE REQUEST INSTRUCTION AS TO HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST.

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